

REMARKS

The Office Action requires an election of claims for purposes of further prosecution.

Applicants elect to proceed with the prosecution of the Group I Claims, namely, Claims 1-14.

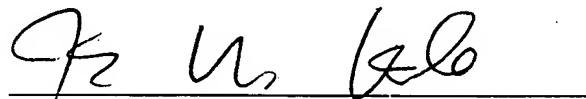
Further, the Office Action requires an election to a specific SEQ ID NO. Applicants elect SEQ ID NO: 4. This sequence is recited in Applicants' Patent Specification as: DTPA-PipGly-Pro-Gly(PipAm)-Arg-Pro-Tyr-tBuGly-Leu-OH (Compound XI) (SEQ ID NO:4).

The election of Claims 1-14 and SEQ ID NO: 4 does not give rise to any amendment of inventorship with respect to the present patent application.

If any issue regarding the allowability of any of the pending claims in the present application could be readily resolved, or if other action could be taken to further advance this application such as an Examiner's amendment, or if the Examiner should have any questions regarding the present amendment, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner please telephone Applicants' undersigned attorney in this regard.

Respectfully submitted,

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